
BETTER PROJECT & BETTER PRACTICE AWARDS

The **Better Project** and **Better Practice** awards recognize partners for innovative and industry-leading accomplishments in implementing decarbonization, energy and water efficiency, or waste reduction projects/practices. The **Better Project** award recognizes outstanding accomplishments at individual facilities, while the **Better Practice** award recognizes the implementation of practices and procedures more broadly.

Successful applications will address:

- ▶ Innovative ways to improve energy or water efficiency, waste reduction, or decreases in greenhouse gas emissions.
- ▶ Projects with significant savings and practices that can be replicated in other buildings or industrial facilities.
- ▶ How the partner overcame one or more barriers to decarbonization, energy or water efficiency, or waste reduction.

Criteria

Award winners will be selected using the following criteria and weighting:

- ▶ **Magnitude (30%)**: What's the impact on the organization and the scope of the effort (e.g., a system- wide vs. equipment-replacement approach)? How much energy, emissions, water, and/or waste savings are realized by the project?
- ▶ **Replicability (30%)**: Is the project/practice easily replicable to other facilities? Have the results been shared broadly?
- ▶ **Innovation (25%)**: How imaginative, creative, or novel is the practice?
- ▶ **Additional Benefits (15%)**: What impact does the project/practice have on topics such as occupant health and wellness; workforce development; diversity, equity, and inclusion; community engagement; and other benefits to underserved communities?

Applications should be well organized and clearly written. It is the responsibility of the applicant to articulate the ways the criteria are met. Efforts will be made to award a variety of types of projects/practices and partners.

Eligibility Requirements

- ▶ Any active Better Buildings Initiative partner may apply.
- ▶ Awards are intended to recognize partner companies/organizations, not specific individuals.
- ▶ Applications should feature projects and activities that occurred or were finalized between 2021 and the present time. Content from previous applications should not be resubmitted.
- ▶ Applications can only be submitted for implemented projects/practices that occurred in U.S.-based buildings and plants.
- ▶ Partners may submit as many applications as they wish; however, no partner will be recognized with more than one award in each category.

Recognizing Award Winners

Winners will be notified in February of 2023, and will be recognized at the 2023 Better Buildings, Better Plants Summit (April 11-13, 2023). They will also be highlighted:

- ▶ On Better Buildings social media channels, including Twitter and/or LinkedIn.
- ▶ On the Better Buildings Solution Center through the creation of showcase projects, implementation models, and solutions at a glance.
- ▶ Through other speaking opportunities and special promotion opportunities during the award year.

[Click here](#) to access the **Better Project** award application.

[Click here](#) to access the **Better Practice** award application.



2022 Award Winners at the Better Buildings, Better Plants Summit included Charter Steel, Electrolux, and Saint-Gobain. See the full list at [Better Project and Better Practice Award Winners](#).